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Letter dated 31 December 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith "The Proclamation of the Czech National Council to All Parliaments and Nations of the World" (annex I) and "The Proclamation of the National Council of the Slovak Republic to Parliaments and Peoples of the World" (annex II).

I would be most grateful if you could kindly have the text of the present letter and its annexes circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 19.

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ANNEX I

Proclamation of the Czech National Council to all Parliaments and Nations of the World

The Czech National Council

Being freely elected legislative body of the Czech Republic and mindful of a millennium-long tradition of the Czech state, has decided on the following:

The Czech Republic as of January 1, 1993 in accordance with its constitutional law and within the constitutional framework of the bill on the dissolution of the CSFR adopted by the Parliament of the CSFR and the successor state following the dissolution of the CSFR, will become independent and sovereign state.

Identically to all democratic states of all the world the internal and foreign policy of the Czech Republic will observe principles of unreserved respect to human rights and fundamental freedoms, plural democracy and law-based state, i.e. the principles creating the basis of freedom, justice and peace.

The Czech Republic presents interest to become a member of the Council of Europe as soon as possible and to become a contracting party of the European Agreement on Human Rights. The Czech Republic will respect laws and obligations concerning national minorities in accordance with international standards.

International relations of the Czech Republic will be guided by principles of international law as well as by the goals and principles of the UN Charter, the Helsinki Final Act and following documents. Being one of the legal successors-states of the co-founder and original member of the U.N., the Czech Republic reaffirms its determination to observe the principles of this organization and within the framework of these principles is intended to continue the efforts aimed at strengthening peace and security, peaceful solution of all existing conflicts and international civilization problems.

The Czech Republic will assist in the development of cooperation in Europe aimed at creating an effective security system. The Czech Republic will entirely carry out obligations concerning the reduction of its armed forces and armaments to the level of sufficient defence and will support measures on strengthening multilateral and bilateral confidence and stability.

The Czech Republic will create all political, economic, contracting and legislative conditions necessary for gradual association with and for future membership in main European political, economic and other organization. The Czech Republic confirms all obligations arranged with the CSFR within the European Agreement on Association as well as its interest in their rapid transfer to the Czech Republic.

The Czech Republic will endeavor for deepening its participation in the world economy and for continuous succession of membership in the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, GATT and The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

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The Czech Republic as of January 1, 1993 in accordance with the principles of international law and within its framework recognizes the provisions and obligations of all multilateral and bilateral treaties and agreements to which the CSFR was a party as of that date.

The Czech Republic presents its readiness to establish diplomatic relations with other countries and to develop mutual relations on the principles of sovereign equality, noninterference into internal affairs, respect to territorial integrity and political independence and inviolability of frontiers.

The Czech Republic will assume its share of financial obligations of the CSFR towards third states and international organizations in accordance with the respective constitutional bill and the agreement between the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic on the Division of the Property of the Federation.

The Czech Republic will pay special attention to relations with the Slovak Republic. Agreements and treaties concluded between the respective republics will ensure coordination and cooperation of bilateral relations on a level contributing to mutual ties between the two states and to the benefit of their citizens.

The Czech Republic has obliged in the constitution by votes of deputies of its legislative body to develop itself as an integral part of the European community and world democracies and understands this obligation as the universal aim of its internal and international policy.

ANNEX II

Proclamation of the National Council of the Slovak Republic to the Parliaments and Peoples of the World

The Slovak Republic - independent and sovereign - will become one of the two successor states to the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic on January 1, 1993.

The Slovak Republic as a fully fledged member of the international community of states shall base its domestic and foreign policy on the same values as those adhered to by other democratic states. Among those are unconditional respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, principles of pluralistic democracy and the rule of law that supports freedom, justice and peace.

The Slovak Republic shall be governed in its international relations by principles of international law and the objectives and principles laid down in the United Nations Charter, the Final Act of the Helsinki Conference, the Charter of Paris for a New Europe and other documents of the CSCE.

The Slovak Republic, as one of the legal successors to a founding member of the UN, expresses its will and readiness to become a full member of this international organization. The Slovak Republic assumes all the obligations vested with the CSFR until December 31, 1992. It expresses its determination to become member of the United Nations and of its affiliated agencies and to contribute to the fulfillment of its goals leading to peace and security.

The Slovak Republic shall contribute to strengthening cooperation within Europe in order to establish an effective European security system, and European integration.

The Slovak Republic wishes to join the Council of Europe, in so doing it will be one of the successors of the CSFR in the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, and to all the contractual amendments that give individuals rights to lodge human rights complaints with the European Commission and the European Court of Human Rights.

The Slovak Republic shall respect the obligation of nuclear non-proliferation, armed forces and armament reduction to the level necessary for its defence. Also, it will contribute to the confidence-building process and stability on multilateral an bilateral bases.

The Slovak Republic shall respect the rights and obligations concerning national minorities and ethnic groups in harmony with the international standards of law adopted by the CSCE.

The Slovak Republic shall create political, economic, contractual and legislative conditions for its gradual participation and membership in the main European economic, political and defence institutions. It assumes the CSFR's obligations established in the European Association Agreement and expresses its interest in having the agreement transferred to the Slovak Republic.

The Slovak Republic shall seek integration and further cooperation with the international trade and world economy, and membership in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

The Slovak Republic, in accordance with the constitutional act and agreement on division of property between the respective republics of the former CSFR, shall assume its share of the financial commitments to third parties and international organizations. Questions relating to legal succession will be resolved by agreement with the Czech Republic.

The Slovak Republic is ready to establish diplomatic relations, with other countries under the principles of sovereignty, non-interference in internal affairs and inviolability of state borders.

The Slovak Republic shall pay special attention to its relations with the Czech Republic. It shall seek cooperation and coordination in mutual relationships that guarantee mutual benefits.

The National Council of the Slovak Republic addresses the parliaments and peoples of the world in hope that they will support the integration of the Slovak Republic as an equal partner in the international community enabling it to accomplish the objectives and intentions hereby stated.